

# Proper Storage and Display of Pesticides by Limited Vendors

The Ministry of the Environment (MOE), through the Ontario *Pesticides Act* and Regulation 63/09, regulates the sale, use, transportation, storage and disposal of pesticides. If you are intending to sell pesticides and you are a licensed limited vendor, you must be aware of your responsibilities under this Act and Regulation 63/09.

Detailed information on the 11 classes of pesticides is available on the Ministry web site at:

<http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/land/pesticides/class-pesticides.php>

and in the document *Pesticide Classification Guide for Ontario* at:

<http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/land/pesticides/pesticide-classification.pdf>

Depending upon the product classification, vendors are subject to different storage and display requirements under Regulation 63/09.

A MOE limited vendor licence is required by those individuals who sell domestic Class 5, 6 or 7 pesticides. Until January 1, 2010 a limited vendor may sell a Class 4 pesticide. To obtain more information on the vendor licensing program, go to the following ministry web site <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/land/pesticides/licensing.php>.

This fact sheet has been developed to provide information on the proper and safe storage and display of pesticides to individuals who hold the limited vendor licence. Additional information is

available on the ministry web site at:

<http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/land/pesticides/factsheets/fs-limitedvendors.pdf>

## Pesticide Storage

### Areas where customers usually are not allowed access

Regulation 63/09 requires a limited vendor licence holder to store a pesticide in compliance with the following rules:

- A pesticide shall not be stored in such a manner that the pesticide is likely to come into contact with food or drink intended for human or animal consumption.
- The pesticide shall be stored in such a manner that the pesticide is not likely to impair the health or safety of any person.
- The pesticide shall be stored in an area that is maintained in good repair and a clean and orderly condition with sufficient precautions taken to prevent the pesticide from contaminating the natural environment or any other pesticide stored in the same area.
- A Pesticide or Chemical Storage warning sign shall be displayed near the area and at all entrances to the area where pesticides are stored. Warning storage signs are available from the Farm Safety Association 1-800-361-8855.

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- Emergency telephone numbers (fire, hospital, poison control centre) shall be displayed nearby where the pesticide is stored.

To ensure these rules are carried out the following procedures should be considered:

- Do not store pesticides above food or drink intended for human or animal consumption, or personal/animal use items (e.g. toiletries, sunscreen, clothing, toys, etc.) which, if contaminated, could cause injury to people or animals.
- Do not store pesticides within 1 metre (left, right and behind) of any food or drink intended for human or animal consumption.
- Storage area should be clean and orderly with no leaking or damaged containers.
- Post warning signs at the entrance to the pesticide storage area or inside the warehouse near the actual storage area.

## **Pesticide Retail Display**

### **Areas where customers are allowed access**

Regulation 63/09 requires a limited vendor licence holder to display a pesticide in compliance with the following rules:

- Until January 1, 2010 a limited vendor may sell a Class 4 pesticide. However, these pesticides must be displayed in such a manner that the public does not have ready access.
- Class 5 pesticides are displayed in such a manner such that they present a minimal hazard to children.
- A pesticide is not displayed on a shelf or in a display case that is adjacent to or above a shelf or display case containing food or drink intended for human or animal consumption or any other commodity, if contaminated by a pesticide, could cause

injury or damage to property or to plant or animal life or to any person.

To ensure these rules are carried out the following best practices should be considered:

- Pesticides in unsealed or damaged containers should not be placed on display under any circumstance. Always check pesticide containers as you unpack and shelve them to ensure that the containers are sealed.

### **Pesticides Products For Use on Pets** (e.g. flea and tick shampoos, powders, collars etc)

- Do not display above or within 1 metre (left, right or behind) of any food or drink intended for human consumption
- May be displayed next to animal feed if separated by non-continuous shelving or by a solid, non-porous barrier which prevents the horizontal flow of material.
- May be displayed above or next to animal use items (e.g. kitty litter)

### **All Other Pesticide Products**

- Do not display above food or drink intended for human or animal consumption or personal/animal use items (e.g. toiletries, sunscreen, clothing, toys, kitty litter, etc.) which, if contaminated, could cause injury to people or animals.
- Do not display within 1 metre (left, right or behind) of any food or drink intended for human or animals, or personal/animal use items (e.g. toiletries, sunscreen, clothing, toys, kitty litter, etc.). If separated by non-continuous shelving or a solid, non-porous barrier (e.g. plastic, Plexiglas, metal) which prevents the horizontal flow of material, these products may be stored next to personal or animal use items. Items displayed on a pegboard or clip-strips next to a shelf would also meet this exception.

- Display Class 5 pesticides so that they are not accessible up to at least 1 metre from the floor to minimize the hazard to children. Ask your supplier to identify these pesticides.
- Large pesticide containers that are too heavy for shelf display may be stacked on pallets or directly on the floor. Ensure that they are protected from damage by carts or other objects.
- Some pesticides may not have child proof tops or packaging and should be displayed so that they are not accessible (e.g., at least one metre from the floor).

See **Figure 1** below

## **Fire Department Notification**

A licensed limited vendor who stores pesticides must provide a written annual notice to the local fire department identifying the pesticides in storage, a description of the location and conditions of storage and identifying the person responsible for the pesticide.

- Fire Department Notification forms are only available from the Ministry of the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch Tel: 416-314-8001 or 1-800-461-6290.

For further information visit the Ministry of the Environment's web site at [www.ene.gov.on.ca](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca) or contact:

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**Figure 1: Shelving for Displaying Pesticides**

